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TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

Another Violent Break In Exchange

Sterling Down Several More Cents... Heavy Offering of Bills Precipitates Break in British, French and Italian Exchange—Wall Street and Chicago Reports

New York, July 15.—Further heavy offerings of bills precipitated another violent break in British, French and Italian exchange today. Dealers quoted sterling at 4.85-4-4 for demand and 4.80-1-2 for cables, this being 1-2 to 4-1-2 cents under yesterday's minimum.

Paris checks fell to the lowest known figure, demand declining to 7.06 and cables to 7.06. Lire were quoted at 8.02 for demand and 8.00 for cables.

New York, July 15.—Steels, equipments, petroleum, traction and shipping as represented by Bethlehem Steel, Republic Iron and American Locomotive, Sinclair Oil, Brooklyn Transit and Marine Preferred were the active and strong features at the opening of today's stock market, gains extending from large fractions to two points.

Chicago, July 15.—Favorable weather and heavy crop reports led to sharp declines today in "big" grain futures. First, however, transient scarcity of offerings made prices harder somewhat.

AMHERST MAN MAY BRING SETTLEMENT OF TORONTO STRIKE

Toronto, July 15.—A settlement of the metal trades strike seems likely. Through the efforts of J. A. McDonald, of Amherst, N. S., the only employer of labor who was asked by workmen to represent them on a board of conciliation, the contents of the dispute have had several conferences with the last few days.

MYSTERIOUS PACKAGES

A peculiar find was made this morning by Harry Reynolds, a driver in the employ of the water and sewerage department. As he was going out over a pipe line, crossing in the vicinity of the rear of the old Catholic cemetery, he noticed two barrels by the side of the road and investigated.

ESSEQUIO ABOUT JULY 22

Ottawa, July 15.—The militia department has been advised that the ambulance transport "Essequibo" with 603 Canadian wounded on board, will reach Portland on or about July 22. She carries thirty-two officers, one cadet, four nursing sisters and 572 other ranks.

MISS ELLA JOHNSTON

The death of Miss Ella Johnston occurred this morning in the general public hospital after an illness of some six weeks. She was thirty-seven years of age and had resided in St. John, where she was very well known.

REPAIRING PATROL WAGON

The police patrol motor-car is undergoing a thorough overhauling, which it is said to have needed badly, last year while various drivers, some of them inexperienced, had charge of the car. It was rather severely racked and the activities of some of the prisoners who have made trips in it have added to its need for repairs.

GREAT PEACE REVIEW OF THE BRITISH FLEET

London, July 15.—(Reuter's)—One of the great features of the peace celebration will be the naval pageant at South End. The public would be enabled to inspect the fleet for the first time since the outbreak of war.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. morning, "a protest has come to this paper about these daily interviews with you. Some of our best families are saying that when they buy a paper they want a paper they can read and enjoy. They are not interested in you for two reasons. In the first place they don't like your looks, and in the second place they think you talk too much. One irate subscriber says you ought to be 'muzzled.'"

"I'd like to see the fellow that 'muzzled' me," said Hiram. "I'm not a muzzled man. My grandfather was one of the men that fit the family coat, and I'm not a muzzled man. The Hornbeams was all good talker."

"I can well believe it," said the reporter, "but that doesn't overcome the objections of indignant subscribers." "Ain't I got a right to talk as them city commissioners 'n' then these politicians? They're all the time talking 'n' you fellows can't seem to get enough of it. Look here—young fellow—I don't hev to talk to you. I kin hire a hall."

"Not in St. John," said the reporter. "There isn't a hall in the city." "Seems to me you haint got anything," said Hiram. "You're the easiest satisfied of anybody that's ever lived in this country since the time the Injuns used to be pottering 'n' Fort Howe."

RAIN GENERAL AND CROPS BENEFITED

Fredericton, July 15.—The rain which began last night is reported by the provincial department of agriculture to be of great benefit to the farmers of the province. Grain is reported rather late but looking well and the crop is promising.

GOVERNMENT MAY ACT IN MATTER OF WHEAT PRICE

Ottawa, July 15.—In order to give stability to the financing of the Canadian wheat crop of the present year, and to safeguard prices from too violent speculation due to the opening of grain exchanges in the present uncertain and unsettled conditions, it is probable that the government will fix a minimum price for wheat. It is not the intention that this minimum price shall be the price at which wheat must be sold in Canada.

NO TIMES ON SATURDAY

In observance of the peace celebration, the Times will not be published on next Saturday.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was centered in the Ottawa Valley yesterday is now passing over the lower St. Lawrence Valley and New England. The weather is showery in Quebec and New Brunswick. Elsewhere it is fine.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of Mrs. Joanna Carter will be held tomorrow morning at 8.45, old time, from her residence, 200 Main street, to St. Peter's church, where a requiem mass will be celebrated.

British Troops In India Suffer In Fearful Heat

Peshawar, India, July 15.—(By Reuter's)—The continuous heat is appalling, but everything is being done to mitigate the sufferings of the troops. Ice plants have been fitted up at Landi and Dalika and an attempt is being made to supply a pound of ice daily to each British soldier. Special huts have been equipped in the Khyber district for the treatment of heat cases.

COMMENT TODAY ON APPLICATION FOR COUNTY LOAN

While the county council has authorized an application for a loan of \$800,000 under the housing scheme there is said to be little possibility that the money will be available for building purposes immediately. In the first place there is the question whether the funds at the disposal of the province will admit of a loan of that size, and the fact that the city's application was reduced from \$800,000 to \$200,000, is a fair indication that it will not.

DOUBLE TAXES FOR DELINQUENTS

When the tax bills are distributed this week the increased rate will be one of the most important aspects of the levy to a considerable number of citizens. The class referred to is composed of those persons who neglected to comply with the assessors' invitation to fill out and file their sworn declarations of income and personal property, as required by the new assessment act.

SOLDIER FALLEN IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Montreal, July 15.—William Fallon, a returned soldier, who gives his home town as Peterborough, Ont., was killed in connection with the death of Mrs. Bella Picken of Ottawa, with whom he has been living in a rooming house in St. Lawrence Boulevard. Last night, according to a statement by the police, Fallon was being visited by Mrs. Picken and struck her with a fractured skull.

PROGRAMME FOR PRINCE IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., July 15.—Plans for the reception of the Prince of Wales here on August 16 are being made. Sir Joseph Pope has conferred with Lieut.-Governor Grant, Brig-General Thacker and Premier Borden regarding the local programme. His Royal Highness will land at the King's wharf on the morning of August 16 and will proceed to the provincial building, where addresses from the province and the city will be read.

NO TREES SAWED BY KAISER YESTERDAY

Amersfoort, July 15.—(By the Associated Press)—The former German Emperor refrained yesterday from sawing trees, for the first time in several months. It is understood that he is suffering from a cold. The former emperor has experienced a recurrence of his heart affection, and has remained in his apartments yesterday.

AWARDED O. B. E.

Friends in St. John will be interested to know that Major John Knox, Catholic chaplain with the Canadians, has been awarded the Order of the British Empire. He was in France early in 1916 with an artillery unit and on his return to England invalided, was appointed chaplain at Bramshot where, through his activities, a pretty little church was erected and a cauten but well, through the assistance of the Knights of Columbus. He afterwards went back to France. Father Knox belongs to the west. The "padre" was popular with many New Brunswick boys at Bramshot camp.

"Flu" Discussion Engages Doctors

This Morning At The N. B. Medical Convention ATTENDANCE IS LARGE Largest Gathering Since the Society Was Organized 39 Years Ago—Hospital Work is Discussed

SOLDIERS WANT TO ASK MR. M'COY SOME QUESTIONS

Nova Scotia G.W.V.A. Requires Attendance of Official Secretary to Returned Soldiers' Commission—Convention Defeats Resolution for Dismissal of Certain Government Employees

New Glasgow, N. S., July 15.—A resolution requesting Premier Murray to instruct W. B. McCoy, secretary of the Nova Scotia Returned Soldiers' Commission, to appear before the convention to answer questions pertaining to his administration, was adopted at the opening session of the provincial G. W. V. A. held here yesterday.

Major G. B. Peat, M. D., in charge of the medical section of the local branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment delivered an interesting address on reconstruction as applied to provincial conditions from a medical standpoint, described the different branches of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, dealing particularly with men who were "below par" pointing out that any returned officer or soldier incapacitated or whose condition had been aggravated by service will receive treatment at the expense of the department and receive full pay and allowances. Medical representatives of the department are stationed at various parts of the province for the purpose and the New Brunswick branch of the department has been constituted by being the most smoothly running branch in the dominion.

Speaking of the work of the medical profession during the great war, Dr. Peat said that the doctors put first the germ and ultimately the German out of business. He appealed to the doctors for unity in the medical profession. He invited any of the visitors to come to visit the military hospital at Lancaster.

In reply to Dr. Leggie, Dr. Peat said that up to twelve months after discharge a man might be treated free of expense whether the injury or illness was due to service or not. The paper was also discussed by Doctors Fleming, Ross and Bentley.

WILSON TO HAVE TALK WITH THE REP. SENATORS

Washington, July 15.—President Wilson has decided to invite Republican senators to call at the White House to discuss the peace treaty and the League of Nations.

PERSHING PRESENTS MEDALS TO SEVERAL NOTED BRITISHERS

London, July 15.—General Pershing, American commander-in-chief, who is in London to participate in the Victory parade Saturday, went to the British war office today and presented distinguished service medals to several prominent British governmental officers. Those who received medals were Viscount Milner, secretary for the colonies; Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war; Viscount Peel, Baron Weir, director-general of aircraft production; Baron Loderford (Andrew Weir), former minister of munitions, and Felix Cassel, judge-advocate-general.

FARMER KILLS MAN WHOM HE FOUND IN HIS PIG STY

Collingwood, Ont., July 15.—Early this morning Jack Mooney, aged about thirty, was shot by a farmer named Amos Sherick and died about fifteen minutes later. It was reported that the "padre" was in his pig sty and when the man attempted to escape the farmer fired a shot the contents lodging under Mooney's right shoulder.